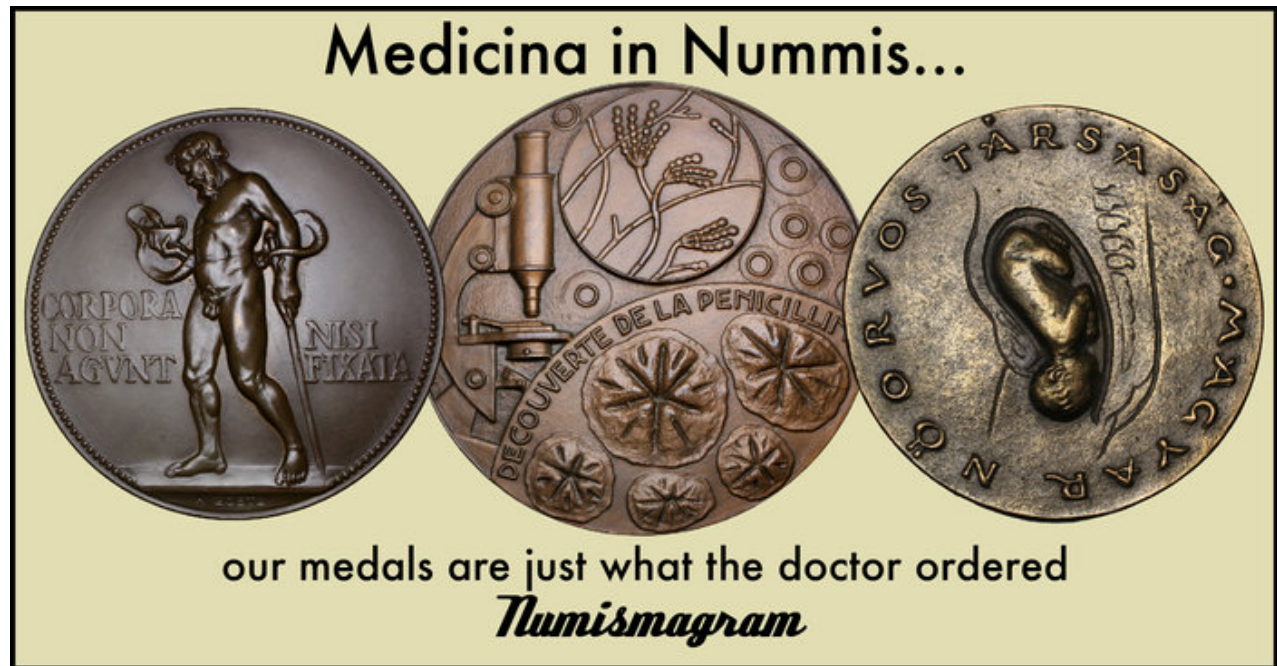


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No fooling, we have some great medical-related medals to offer in this month's upload, with no less than *five* pieces that fall under the banner of *medicina in nummis*. Two rather important figures to medicine, Alexander Fleming and Paul Ehrlich, are responsible for some of the most important medicinal breakthroughs in the earlier part of the 20th century. In the case of the latter, Ehrlich, along with Japanese researcher Sahachirō Hata, discovered a cure for syphilis that, in addition to being vital to the treatment for the disease, led to the concept of targeted therapy or a "magic bullet" (*i.e., the idea that it would be possible to kill a bacteria or disease within one's body by using a targeted treatment without harming the body itself*). This played a vital role in the idea behind treatments such as chemotherapy. Here is a fairly rare bronze medal honoring Ehrlich, designed by the famous medalist Karl Goetz and featuring Asclepius on the reverse...



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Meanwhile, Fleming also played a crucial role in modern medicine, in that he discovered the interaction of a particular type of mold (*Penicillium rubens*) when coming into contact with a bacteria. Namely, it inhibited the growth of gram-positive pathogens. This led to the development of the antibiotic penicillin, revolutionizing the world and, just as it did for Ehrlich, earned Fleming a Nobel Prize. This French medal from 1945 commemorates the event and even features some of those very mold spores on its reverse...design. The medal itself is not covered in mold, as that would be well below our standards of quality...



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Another important figure in modern medicine, Semmelweis Ignác, sadly never lived to see the role which he would play in aiding motherhood, but his observations led to significant changes in the care of women during childbirth. We have not one, but *two* medals honoring him this month—one of which is quite large and impressive, and features an x-rayed, cross-section view of a pregnant midsection, with the baby clearly outlined and in rather high relief...



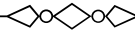
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bSI6lm1haWxfbHAIcLJjljoiZDk5YWQyODMtZjg4Zi00MDY2LWEwZjUtMDBkZTIIN2E4NjFjln0) commemorates him as the namesake of the medical university in Budapest, while the final medical-related type pays homage to a **Swedish pioneer in the field of physiotherapy** (<https://shoutout.wix.com/so/70N-ZoUyD/c?>

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Meanwhile, switching away from the medical theme, another medal in this month's upload points toward a concept for which likely everyone can yearn—that of peace. This Art Nouveau medal from the hand of Mérot is seemingly a calm before the storm, issued just seven years before the outbreak of World War I. Hopefully, this serene mindset can be found again, far sooner than later...



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The rest of this month's upload features an alluringly toned French jeton, some interesting and intricate Swedish art medals with tiny numismatic renditions within their design, and a number of American-related historical medals. For all of this month's additions, please click on the banner art below or click [here](#)

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